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SUBJECT: DRAFT REPORT ON SHORT-TERM MEASURES

REFS: A. USNATO 11309, DTG 141641Z NOV 77; B. STATE 222138,
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1. WE FEEL THAT THE SHORT-TERM EFFORT AMOUNTS TO A
SUCCESS STORY IN ITS OWN RIGHT AND AGREE THAT REPORT
SHOULD HAVE A SUMMARY THAT POINTS THIS OUT. FYI. WHILE
SHORT-TERM EFFORT MAY OFFER BEST PLATFORM FOR INFORMING
PUBLIC OF NATO'S POSITIVE MOVEMENT, WE MUST BE CAREFUL NOT
TO BUILD A PICTURE OF SATISFACTION WITH PLANNED LEVELS OF
FUTURE NATIONAL DEFENSE EFFORTS WHICH IN SOME CASES DO NOT

NOW AIM FOR THE AGREED 3 PERCENT REAL INCREASE TARGET. END
FYI.

2. SINCE AGGREGATING INCREASES WHERE FEASIBLE ON NATO-WIDE RATHER THAN SOLELY ON COUNTRY AND REGIONAL BASIS WOULD MORE ACCURATELY CONVEY MAGNITUDE OF SHORT-TERM INITIATIVES, WE REQUEST THAT YOU PROPOSE THIS.

3. THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS SHOULD BE MADE IN DATA CONCERNING US ACTIONS IAW REF B:

A. PARA 8, LAST SENTENCE, ADD THE WORDS, QUOTE DURING 1979 - 1983 UNQUOTE. (SEE 3D, REF B).

B. PARA 24, CHANGE QUANTITIES TO READ: 108 SIDEWINDER, 201 PHOENIX AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILES, 88 HARPOON MISSILES AND 85 CAPTOR MINES (SEE PARA 3K, REF B. DRAFTER APPARENTLY INCORRECTLY USED COLUMN FOR TOTAL US FY 78 DELIVERY RATHER THAN PORTION ALLOCATED TO CINCLANTFLT IN THE RIGHT-HAND COLUMN).

4. PARA 23, REF A STATES THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE IN ASW RESERVE STOCKS FOR THE ACLANT AND ACCHAN OF 60,000 SONOBOOYS. WE NOTE THAT THE UK REPLY TO THE RECOMMENDATION FOR AN INCREASE OF 10,000 SONOBOOYS QUESTIONS THIS REQUIREMENT AND STATES FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH SACLANT

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ARE NECESSARY. THE US RESPONSE, (PARA 3J, REF B) STATES INCREASING PROCUREMENT THROUGH FY 83 WILL INCREASE CURRENT STOCKS OF 482,300 SONOBOOYS TO 650,400 OF WHICH ABOUT HALF WOULD BE ALLOCATED TO CINCLANTFLT AND AVAILABLE TO SACLANT IN WARTIME. SINCE THE BREAKDOWN BY YEARS OF THE CINCLANTFLT ALLOCATION OF ABOUT 84,000 IS NOT AVAILABLE, SUGGEST THAT THE FIGURE OF 60,000 SONOBOOYS IN PARA 23 BE CHANGED TO READ ABOUT 84,000 DURING THE PERIOD 1978-1983. ANY INCREASE FOR THE UK COULD BE ADDED TO THAT FIGURE.

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